

## LAW INTELLIGENCE.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT—APRIL 15.  
Before Judge INGERSOLL.

Judge G. M. ELLIOTT, Plaintiff; J. REDFIELD.

The plaintiffs in this case paid a certain amount of duty upon importations of brandy and guita percha. A greater valuation was put upon the duty at the Custom House, than was contained in the invoice. In regard to the guita percha, the point was the equality between guita percha and India rubber. The Tariff of 1846 does not specify percha at all, and puts a duty of 10 per cent India rubber. The Collector fixed a duty of 30 per cent upon the guita percha imported by the plaintiffs. It was paid under a protest that guita percha and India rubber were in all respects precisely similar, and for the same purpose.

## OUR NICARAGUA RELATIONS.

*The Herald* has a special dispatch from Washington assuring that additional instructions have been sent to Minister Lamar and the officers of the Home Squadron, directing that a demand be made for the immediate restoration of their steamers to the Transit Company, ample indemnity for the damage done by the destruction of the bridge and other property on the route, and any other damage that may have been sustained in consequence of the illegal seizure and other high-handed proceedings ordered by Martinez. If the demand is not acceded to, all the naval force in the Gulf is to be put at the disposal of the Minister, who will resort even to another bombardment of San Juan, and all other towns which the guns of the squadron can reach.

The Government has definitely resolved that the Transatlantic route shall be opened, and has issued a circular to the several Companies, to ascertain upon what terms the California mail can be carried by this route from the 30th of September, 1859, to the 30th of June 1860. The Company must have the privilege of transit from Nicaragua, when our Government will protect the Company as far as our guns will go; and if they should come to a collision, there is hardly any question but that the naval commanders would take the responsibility of landing sufficient forces to protect the passengers, mails and treasure.

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JUDGE COURT—CHAMBERS—APRIL 15.—Before Judge STRONG.

NOTE TO EXACATE ORDER OF ARREST.

HENRY B. CLIFFORD and others, vs. Moses Frank.

The order for the arrest of the defendant was granted under a written notice from the plaintiff in this city, to be given to the Sheriff to apprehend the defendant in this city, to be sent to him, and to induce the plaintiff to do certain material acts in his favor.

It appears that the plaintiff, in making his demand, was induced by the statements made by the defendant, that the sum of \$1000 was due him by the Bank of New-York.

There was a note for defendant, which was not paid at the time of his trial, and which the plaintiff was subsequently compelled to pay, and which was well known to the court, and to the several Companies, to ascertain upon what terms the California mail can be carried by this route from the 30th of September, 1859, to the 30th of June 1860.

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## THE ASTRONOMERS SET RIGHT.

To the Editor of THE N. Y. TRIBUNE:

SIR: On the subject of the sun's distance from the earth, I challenge the scientific world to prove, by any mechanical or mathematical measurement or law of angles, and of plane, that the sun's distance from the earth is one fourth part of 95,000,000 miles claimed in the common astronomical theories. These firsts facts first meet the question, namely: Altitude, Zenith and Base line.

First, that the sun is in the zenith of the tropics twice in a year, and twice in a year on the zenith of the earth's equator. The distance between the tropics is 46° 55', or 8,815 miles, geographically defined.

When the sun is on the equator, a ship being on the tropic, either north or south, gets a meridian altitude of the sun 66° 32' 30", and finds the zenith distance 23° 27' 30". There being no declination, the zenith distance is the latitude of the ship, or place of observation.

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These firsts facts also state that the subsequent purchases were made on behalf of the representations of the sun, and the reiteration of the same in the affidavits of the defendant, in the affidavit made by the son on the 10th of January, if it were not fraudulent, and the goods purchased therewith were used on the faith of it, furnished no ground for the order in which the statement was made, and explanation given of the misake in the former affidavits, and the same was then a guilty finding in contracting the debt.

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